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Lompoc Record reports according to a staff report, prior to the incident at Refugio, oil spills in the county had been trending downward. From 2010 to 2014, there were an average of 19 oil spills per year. The highest volume of spills was in 2011, with 462 barrels of crude oil and 434 barrels of produced water. At Tuesday's meeting, Andy Caldwell, executive director of the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business in Santa Barbara County, defended the oil industry. "There's always more to the story," he said. "We always hear from the radical environmentalists wanting everything to be shut down. I don't think the world they want to live

in does or could exist. If we don't produce the oil here, we import it here. This industry is phenomenally competent."

http://lompocrecord.com/news/county-supervisors-discuss-oil-production-spill-cleanup/article_80aff72b-510f-521b-8e47-d1c5345a7114.html

Santa Barbara Independent reports the condition of the entire underground pipeline — Lines 901 and 903 — operated by the now notorious Plains All American Pipeline remains in question because the section of ruptured pipeline was so severely corroded. Whether or not the corrosion is related to outside conditions, Planning and Development staffer Matt Young said, is unclear because the root-cause analysis is not complete.

<http://www.independent.com/news/2015/jul/23/county-briefed-oil-spills-refugio-reopens/>

Santa Barbara Independent reports two bills authored by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson in response to the Refugio Oil Spill passed out of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee this week. SB 295 reinstates the State Fire Marshal's role of inspecting nationally regulated oil pipelines and calls for yearly inspections. SB 414, or the Rapid Oil Spill Response Act, would create an enhanced program for local fishers to become paid responders, prohibit the use of toxic chemicals during cleanups, and require Office of Spill Prevention and Response officials to study more cutting-edge oil response technology. Both bills now head to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

<http://www.independent.com/news/2015/jul/23/jackson-oil-spill-bills-pass-assembly-committee/>

Noozhawk (Column) Gas prices have gone up as much as \$1 a gallon at regional gas stations and that means an extra \$15 for the average fill up. If you commute to work, as many do, then you probably fill up at least twice a week — Poof. 30 bucks gone. This is where three votes, bought and paid for by the very environmental groups that oppose oil, come in. It is no secret that Supervisors Salud Carbajal, Doreen Farr and Janet Wolf are very cozy with the hard-core anti-people environmental groups of the South Coast. They attend fundraisers and meetings, and are tightly woven into the inner workings of these obstructive interests.

http://www.noozhawk.com/article/ron_fink_gas_prices_environmental_activists_standard_of_living_20150721

Forbes Life reports top ten beaches; The lone west coast beach is a newcomer to the survey, East Beach in Santa Barbara, Calif. If you're wondering about that oil spill this May in Santa Barbara County, authorities say it was about 25 miles away and didn't impact East Beach.

<http://www.forbes.com/forbeslife/#/sites/andrewbender/2015/07/22/americas-top-10-beaches-of-2015/>

Social media report

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